

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
Page 1 of 2

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

BY AND AMONG Erie County Medical Center (ECMC), the U.S. Department of Energy, West Valley Area Office (DOE-WV), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and West Valley Nuclear Services Company, Inc. (WVNS) as DOE's Management and Operating Contractor, hereby agree as follows:

1. This Letter of Agreement replaces all previous agreements with ECMC addressing emergency medical services involving the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC).
2. ECMC agrees to provide emergency medical support at the hospital's facilities for visitors or personnel at the WNYNSC, including but not limited to the WVDP. ECMC agrees to accept both injured or ill individuals for emergency treatment, whether these patients are free of radioactive and hazardous substance contamination or are contaminated as a result of work at the WVDP facilities including the State-Licensed Disposal Area (SDA) located within the WNYNSC.
3. ECMC agrees to maintain specialized equipment supplied by WVNS and treatment capabilities, which is acceptable to both the DOE-WV and ECMC, in a state of readiness such that it can provide emergency treatment within a reasonable period of time after notification of need to treat a contaminated patient. The DOE-WV and NYSERDA agree to take appropriate measures, reasonably practicable, to prevent contamination of the Hospital's facilities and personnel as a result of ECMC providing emergency treatment.
4. ECMC reserves the right to use the equipment supplied by WVNS for other non-WVDP matters and agrees to replace in kind or restore as may be necessary resulting from damages incurred by ECMC's use in such non-WVDP matters.
5. In support of ECMC's role, the DOE-WV, through WVNS, will provide specialized equipment to prevent cross contamination and decontaminate the patient, the hospital personnel, and the hospital environs for radiation and radioactive contamination.
6. WVNS and NYSERDA agree to familiarize ECMC personnel with the properties of radioactive and other hazardous substances handled at the WVDP and SDA, and the types of injuries and illnesses which could result from fires, explosions or releases at the WVDP or the SDA.
7. The DOE-WV agrees, through WVNS, to familiarize ECMC personnel with the procedures used at WVDP for emergency response, health physics, and personnel decontamination. ECMC agrees to provide its emergency medical treatment personnel (those designated by the hospital to support work with contaminated injured personnel) an opportunity to drill (practice) with the WVDP at least once a year.

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

- 8. The WVDP agrees to provide, through WVNS, the health physics support and monitoring services to ECMC in emergency situations as provided for ECMC's 'response plan' and for the duration of the stay of a patient contaminated with radioactive material such health physics support and monitoring services as are agreed to by WVNS and ECMC pursuant to the agreed upon 'response plan'.
- 9. WVNS agrees to use its best effort to provide assistance to ECMC with respect to the care and treatment of patients admitted to ECMC pursuant to this Agreement.
- 10. This Agreement shall be effective on the date last signed below and remain effective until canceled upon at least 60 days prior written notice from any signatory.



 P. Candino, Administrator
 Erie County Medical Center

Dated: 3-21-97



 P. J. Piciulo, Program Manager
 New York State Energy Research and Development
 Authority

Dated: 2-21-97



 T. J. Rowland, Project Director
 U.S. Department of Energy
 West Valley Area Office

Dated: 2-21-97

By: Barbara Mazurowski, Deputy Dir., West Valley Demonstration Project



 W. G. Poulson, President
 West Valley Nuclear Services, Co., Inc.

Dated: 2/21/97

APPROVED AS TO FORM
ERIE COUNTY LAW DEPARTMENT

BY William Spring
DATE 3/18/97 DOC. NO. 97-323-MC